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SUBJ: SOVIET/AMERICAN VISITS TO FERROUS METALLURGY FACILITIES

REF: (A) STATE 61765, (B) STATE 55043

1. ON MARCH 17 COMOFF DISCUSSED PROSPECTIVE VISITS OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO U.S. IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANTS AND BUREAU OF MINES' FRANK BRANTLEY TO SOVIET STEEL COMPLEXES WITH B. N. MALININ, DEPUTY CHIEF, AND A. A. DELLO, SECTION CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FERROUS METALLURGY.

2. SOVIETS PROPOSED THAT THREE-MAN MINISTRY DELEGATION ARRIVE IN UNITED STATES APRIL 18 TO BEGIN TWO-WEEK PROGRAM PROPOSED IN FEB. 13 NAHAI-DELLO LETTER. DELEGATION WOULD BE COMPOSED OF TWO SENIOR RESEARCHERS FROM FERROUS METALLURGY INSTITUTE IN KRIVOY ROG PLUS INTERPRETER. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE DATES.

3. RE BRANTLEY PROGRAM, MALININ ASKED IF HIS TOUR WOULD BE RECIPROCAL VISIT ALLUDED TO IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF NAHAI-DELOW LETTER. IF SO, HE EXPLAINED, MINISTRY WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING VISIT WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

IF NOT, EMBASSY WOULD BE OBLIGED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SCST ALTHOUGH MINISTRY WOULD OFFER ITS ASSISTANCE.

ALTHOUGH COMOFF EXPLAINED ROLE OF BUREAU IN GENERAL

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TERMS, MALININ ALSO REQUESTED FURTHER INFO RE PURPOSE

OF BRANTLEY VISIT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REPORTED PARA 3 ASAP. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION BRANTLEY TOUR MUCH MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE APPROVAL IF WE CONSIDER IT QUID PRO QUO FOR ARRANGING TOUR OF U.S. BENEFICIATION PLANTS.
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